ALLIES DRIVE GERMANS FROM TWO FRENCH LINES

pashing sputh in Servia. Formal force toward Ardagan, 60 miles southpossession of Belgrade was taken yesterday with much ceremony.

point east of Batum and have sent a

Alleged Turkish outrages against Turkish troops in a fierce drive the Greeks, it is said, will force upon Batum, on the Black Sea, have Greece to war with Turkey. The routed the Russian forces, who are Greek Consul at Constantinople, under in flight, says a Constantinople dis- accusation by the Turks has threatpatch. The Turks have reached a | ened to leave the city with his staff

FRENCH INFANTRY CHARGE CAPTURES GERMAN TRENCHES

mued here this afternoon. It states that appreciable progress has been made against the Germans north of the River Lys. The French infantry, making an attack at dawn, captured with one charge two lines of the enemy's trenches made a gain of about one-third of

The fighting has become apparently terrific, the various opposing forces advanc-ing from village to village. The state-ment says that the Allies hold a part of the village of Weidendrift, northwest

of Langemarck. The official statement follows:

To the north of the Lys, we have realized appreciable progress. Our infantry, attacking at dawn, took with a single charge two lines of trenches. The gain was 500 metres. A portion of the hamlet of Weidendreft, one kitometre northwest of Langemarck, remains in our hands. Before Poesele half way between Diamude and Ypres, we have taken Dixmude and Vpres, we have taken on the right bank of the canal a roadhouse, over which there had been

sharp fighting for a month.

The enemy has tried without success, with a violent attack of heavy artillery, to force us to evacuate the ground we have won. In the region of Arras and in the

Champagne district, there have been intermittent cannonades here and there. Rheims has been bombarded with particular intensity.

For our part, we have destroyed with ur heavy artillery numerous earth-In the Argonne region, the fighting is very hot all the time. We have captured numerous trenches and have

repulsed all counter attacks. In Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing important to report.

BATTLE DEVELOPING LA ALSACE. The German forces that attempted to deep. The men in the trenches in A invest Belfort were met by a French are suffering greatly from the cold.

Continuance of the Allies' offensive in

Flanders is admitted in the official War

Office statement today. It says the

French attacks were repulsed. The op-

erations in Poland continue to progress

French attacks yesterday's in Flan-

ders and south of Metz were re-

pulsed. We made progress about La

Bassee, in the Argonne and southwest

The situation in the Mazurian Lake

normally. The statement declares;

GERMANS ABANDON

MASS FORMATIONS

Discarding Old Tactics Be-

Their Way Forward.

LONDON, Dec. 5.
Taking a lesson from the enormous losses they suffered by throwing men forward across exposed spaces in mass formation, the German officers have modified the control of t

fied their form of attack in the north-

ern sphere.
This information is contained in an

other "eye witness" narrative, written by a member of the staff of Field Mar-shai Sir John French, which was issued by the Government Frens Bureau today. The narrative, which is dated Novem-

The narrative, which is dated November 3; says of the operations of the preceding three days; "These were about the quietest days we had experienced in weeks. Though generally inactive along our front, the Germans continued to press against that section of our the held by the Indian troops despite their previous losses in this direction. The Germans in that respon undertook sapping operations in order to shorten the distance of their assaults. None was successful. "The Germans massed a great force

Ore. When these coughly built trenches, all of which are shallow, have reached a point considered within assuming dis-fance, the troops shaltered in them spring

ITALIANS CLAMOR FOR WAR

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Premier's Houtrality Attitude

cause of Heavy Losses,

Kaiser's Troops Now Dig

IN LINE ASSAULTS

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS

AT THREE POINTS IN LINE

1200 prisoners

east of Batum

army, which moved eastward to attack

the defenses of Altkirch and Muelbausen The consequence is that another big battle is developing from Dammerkitch, northward through Sennhein, and thence into the passes of the Vosges west of The French troops hold strong position

on German soil to which they can fall back if necessary. It is reported from lastel, Swifterland, that the sound of heavy cannonade can be heard from the German border.

STRASSBURG DEFENSES READY. A dispatch from Basic says that great preparations have been made at Strassourg to prevent French troops from advancing. Many lines of trenches have been dug in the valley of the Bruche, and the forests and parks have been leveled to facilitate the defenses. The suburbs of the city are being flooded. Whole districts about Musikausen have been mined.

VERDUN NOT INVESTED. According to G. H. Perris, the London Daily Chronicle's correspondent in France, Verdun is not invested by the Germans, nor has it been since the beinning of the war. "The approaches to the city," he says, are as safe and quiet as the road from

The eastern barrier of forts stretching at St. Minitel, and their position there is precarious. Around Verdun the French have made slow but steady progress."

Extremely bad weather is being encountered by the troops. In the north a howling gale from the North Sea, driving before it sleet and snow, has swept the firing line, and at the other end of the long line the Vosges Mountains are so deep in snow that the advance guards of the armies are fighting in snow two feet deep. The men in the trenches in Alsace

region is favorable. We have taken

Progress in the Poland operations is

It is generally believed here that fight-

ing in Poland has reached a critical stage. It has been expected that the Rus-

estant clergymen have signed an appearance the Government to rescind the law

RUSSIANS IN FLIGHT

BEFORE FIERCE TURK

Constantinople Claims Con-

tinued Success in Trans-

caucasia, While Petrograd

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5.

Turkish field headquarters in the

Tchorok Valley (Transcaucasia) reports

that the Turkish advance has reached a

"Our advance northward continues without check," says the announcement. "We

have diverted troops in the direction of

Ardagan where the Russians are in

(Batum is on the Black Sea, 160 miles

west of Tiffis and 15 miles inside the Rus-

It was deried today that Germany had tendered any explanation of the invasion of Angola, the Portuguese African pos-

VENUS DAMAGED BY STORM

British Light Cruiser Forced to Seek

Harbor.

Presider's Neutrality Attitude.

ROME, Dec. 5.

The cruiser Venue has been forced by a storm to take refuge in past.

It is freezing that there has been no new party of the freezing to relinguish after the surrounds that who was party as the surrounds that who was party and party at the was reported here today.

The Venue is an old-type light cruiser, built in 186, it has a displacement of the surrounds of the surrounds.

sian border. Ardagan is 60 miles south-

point east of Batum.

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retreat."

DRIVE UPON BATUM

from fighting with the army

prohibits ministers of the gospel

from Verdun southward is impregnable. At only one point have the Germans succeeded in reaching the Meuse, namely, at St. Mihiel, and their position there is

tinues. But Czar's Army Holds Firm.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5. The Russian official statement of today, while claiming no complete victory, indicates that the Germans have been swung their main line of advance toward Warsaw. Desperate fighting is now in progress long the main road between Lowicz and Lodz. Glovono, mentioned in the official statement as being in the line of the fighting front, is about half way between here two points.

The official statement, therefore, indicates that the Germans have not been driven from Lowicz, the easternmost point sian campaign would be of considerable duration, owing to the numerical su-periority of the enemy, but confidence in ultimate success is still maintained. One hundred and seventy-two Protreached in their advance, but with this town as a pivot have been swung back 20 miles from Skierniwice upon Glovno, directly west.

The Germans continue to hold the left bank of the Vistula. The Russians, however, are making a determined effort to ross the river, and this would mean a erious thrust at the German line of comnunications. The Germans maintain a wedge in the Russian lines with Lowicz | Alarm Felt for Safety of Vessel Inas the apex, but their front has evidently

roads toward Lods and Plotrkow and the surveying ship Baquedano, sent out by by the Austro-German garrison at Crageneral development of the campaign, has the Chilian government to investigate reresulted in a sig-zag battle line. The ports that the Germans have established was announced at military headquarters claims of thousands of prisoners captured made by both sides appear probable owing to the great extent of the battle front and the possibilities of cutting off detachments owing to the interlacing of the lines at some points.

The Russian official statement issued today does not mention a victory at Lodz such as was announced yesterday by the Bourne Gazette. The statement declares: "On the left bank of the Vistula there was obstinate fighting on December 1. Also along the Glovno-Lowicz front and

secilon of our line held by the Indian troops despite their previous logses in this direction. The Germans in that region undertook sapping operations in order to shorten the distance of their assaults. None was successful.

"The Germans massed a great force south of the Lys River. There has generally been some shelling of localities in the rear of our front, but this has diminished. Along the whole front suping operations have been incessant.

"On the 18th among the hostile troops facing dur centre there were signs of many changes made in the composition of the German artillery, which was actively feeling out a new zons of fire.

"Upon our right one German hattery was discevered in the morning to have been left in the open, and it was summand that the Germans had been unlable to move if during the night. German intuity made an isolated and unsupported attack against the French on our left, but were saulty beaten back. "The alm of the Germans is still to gain ground—to drive us back. But owing to the immense loss satulted by their summary meshed of assaulting our liss gross open spaces and across any distance, no matter how great, they are unploying means now that are more mordisel. They naw more forward by mance of approaches, which are successive to previously religion, parallel to the tronches in be attacked. These approaches are due to servent us from giving them an entillading the Whee these roughly built tranches, all of which are shallow, have reached a non-considered withit assaulting dis-

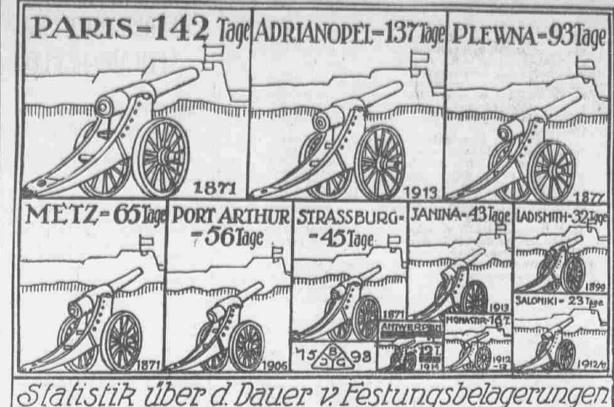
VISCOUNTS HEIR KILLED LONDON, Dec. 5.-In a casualty list made public tenight Captain the Hon. Arthur Annesley, of the 10th Hussars, is reported among the killed, and Lieutenant Lord Charles Sackville Pelham Worsley

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BACK TWENTY MILES IN POLAND CAMPAIGN

Desperate Fighting Marks Clash of Foes' Centres.

been extended by the Russian attack.

Desperate fighting is in progress in Po-Desperate fighting is in progress in Po-land, where the reformed German centre German steamship Goettingen. Reports Situation Favorcontinues its offensive against the Rus-

on the western roads toward Lods and Piotrkow the conflict wages vigorously. "On the northern and southern fronts, the situation is unchanged." Unofficial indications that the Germans

have suffered very heavily in Poland con-tinue. A message from Lodz states that 10 cannon and 75 machine guns taken from the enemy have been brought to

from the enemy have been brought to that town.

The views of the military critics differ considerably as to the meaning of the curious development of the battle of Lodz. Some believe that the Germans are now merely making tremendous efforts to extricate a portion of their army from a position of deadly peril, and that the object of the masses of reinforcements which they are bringing up is to cover the retreat of the exhausted corps on which the brunt of the protracted conflict has fallen. In the opinion of others, the enemy is still bent on the augressive and hopes by persistent efforts to effect a breach in the Russian line.

member of the Cabinet to attend the as among the missing.

of his property near the station, consisting of stone Colonial resi-dence, stable, 75% seres, stream of water and fine old shade.

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WAR MOVES FREE BRITAIN FOR EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

Collapse of Boer Revolt to be Followed by Determined Invasion of Germany's Colonial Possessions. De Wet's Capture Raises Problem.

By J. W. T. MASON NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

The capture of General De Wet prob-Kaiser's Offensive Con- ably will bring the South African rebellion to an end and will relieve British troops for operations against German East and West Africa. The open activity of the rebels has not assumed serious mportance at any time. The chief fear of the British authorities has been that if the leaders of the insurrection were not speedily caught a moral effect would be produced on the Boers generally, and unrest might continue until the end of the war. Colonel Maritz, who led the back 20 miles at one important point in initial mutiny, is out of action because of wounds, and General De Wet is a prisoner. These two were the chief in-spirers of the insurrection. Their removal from the field, after so rapid a campaign, will probably have a decisive effect on unruly Boers, who are extremely careful of their own skins.

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De Wet's capture raises a serious probm for the British in South Africa. By every rule of war this soldier, who mu-tinled while the enemy was attacking his ountry, should be shot. The affair, however, has an extenuating circumstance. De Wet was one of the chief leaders of he Boers in their war against England. and fought to preserve his country's in-dependence. He may contend that his resent revolt was not for the purpose f helping Germany, but that he wanted o restore South Africa to its former reedom. Whether this view of the case | Portuguese.

CHILIAN SHIP MISSING

vestigating German Base.

SANTIAGO, Chill, Dec. evade neutrality laws are alleged today as the result of the police capturing a cutter belonging to the German transport

SERB TUNNEL BLOWN UP

Explosion Breaks Communication Between Servia and Rumania.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6.
A dispatch to the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant from Berlin says that,
according to advices from Nish, the great
railway tunnel near Cicaljetchav has
been blown up by dynamite.

This of railway connection has

This cuts off railway connection be-tween Servia and Rumania. It is believed that the dynamiting of the tunnel is one of the Austrian preautions to prevent the passage of the Russian troops into Servia by way of the Danube.



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will cause the South African-British to temper justice with mercy probably will depend largely on the attitude of the

loyal Boers. If they press strongly for a term of imprisonment, instead of execution, for their old leader, doubtless With the Boer revolt well in hand, South African troops are now released for op-crations against the Germans. The difficulties created by the Boers so seriously numbered the British campaign against Jerman East Africa and West Africa that the small police forces in those ter ritories have been able to preserve Ger man sovereignty almost intact. Ger many's Colonial possessions will be Eng land's only territorial gain from the war if the Allies win. Particularly does Eng-land want German East Africa so that her Cape-to-Cairo Railway, which is to run along the whole eastern side of the conlinent, can pass everywhere through British territory, movement of British troops upon German East Africa probably will be the first undertaking after the South African Administration is sure the Boer revolt will

ministration is sure the Boer revoit will not break out again.

It is possible that the early subjugation of the Boer mutiny will keep Portugal out of the war. England doesn't want Portuguese to fight her battles except as a last resort, for besides the question of prestige involved there is the matter. of territorial remuneration. The South African British will now do their utmost to go ahead without having to use the

CZAR 2 MILES FROM CRACOW

Garrison Night Sorties Repulsed, Report From Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5. a base in the Juan Fernandez Islands, today. The Russian army under Gen-The Baquedano should have returned November 30. The cruiser Zentino sailed today to search for the Baquedano.

Further attempts of the Germans to for the siege of the Galician fortress. The Austrian population in the city is

fleeing in thousands toward Vienna. German residents are hastening northward.

man residents are hastening northward. Refusees from the city are spreading alarm enough in northern Hungary, but something like panic has been caused by the reappearance of Russian troops on the Hungarian plain.

The Poles are deeply perturbed by the prospects of a stege of Cracow. They object to the defenders placing machine guns and observation points on the historic buildings of the citadel. They declare that the fire of the Austro-Germans could much more easily be directed from the hills commanding the city.



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tutelde the Prefect's office in Paris. The pointed commander and lieutenant con

set look on her worn face. " 'Is it well with Jean?' asked the

younger woman, engerly, 'Yes, it is well.'

" 'And with Henri and Paul?'

to have been their mother." " to have been their motion.

This is one of the memories brought back by Mrs. Neave, wife of a British army officer, returning to London from a journey through France. "The French are a changed nation," she declared. "They have become altogether serious.

are a changed nation, she declared.

They have become altogether serious. No one smiles in France new. There are no jokes and no rejecting even over victory. Every third woman is in black, and people stand about the streets in groups, listening while madem tells how her husband was killed.

One touch of comedy, which would have made me rock with laughter at ordinary times, I encountered at Lyons. Some 50 German prisoners had just arrived from the front, and I noticed that they nearly all had their hands in their trousers pockets. I remarked on this to an official, and he replied in a matter-of-fact way: 'Oh, yes. They tried to escape, so we took away their suspenders. That is why they have their hands in their pockets.'

"The prisoners were in rags or in old

their pockets."
"The prisoners were in rags or in old garments which the French seem to have given them. I was astonished that there was no demonstration. Two small boys spat at them, but they were told to stop. "A troop of soldier: were leaving Lyons that day. Fine pooking fellows they were, all well over 40, but they presented a curious appearance, for each were, all well over 40, but they pre-sented a curious appearance, for each man had a large fint cake of bread strap-ped across his brenst and a bottle of water. From Lyons to Paris is one vast camp, and we traveled in zigzag fashlon, picking up soldiers here and there. "At one siding a trainload of British wounded arrived from Solssons. It was funny to hear the Highlanders exchanging greetings with the French. 'Goodby mon,' sald a Scot. 'Bon souvenir,' replied a Frenchman. The Highlander pointed to his wounded leg, and said, 'Yes,

British recruits now have the opportun ity of learning French and German before coing to the front. Special classes have sen organized for the London Terri-orials at the Duke of York's Schools torials at the Duke of York's Schools and the Royal Sanitary Institute. Out of 600 men more than 500 volunteered to take lessons after their day's drill. The Young Men's Christian Association expects soon to provide teachers in 300 camps throughout the United Kingdom. Teachers are being supplied by the Women's Emergency Corps, and officers wives, schoolmasters and university lectures are also giving their help. turers are also giving their help,

An example of the patriotism and eagerness "to be in it" of the high offcers of the army and navy for whom no commands can be found is given by the official announcement that Admiral Sir Alfred Paget and Vice Admiral J. Startin have been placed on the retired list at

"Two women of the peasant class waited their own request, and simultaneously apelder went in, returning presently with mander, respectively, in the Royal Naval Reserve. A week ago Admiral Paget was within ten places of the top of the active list of admirals, and Startin's name came next after Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, There were no commands open, however, "'Yes, all is well with them. * * and rather than be left out in the cold.

They are all with God. * * * I am glad they preferred to accept junior rank. Paget now ranks after 437 commanders, and Startin after 725 Heutenant commanders in point of sentority. They are thus qualified for the command of two of the gunboats performing the unpleasant and dangerous duty of patroling the North Sea and British coasts.

> German tales of Russian inefficiency bolster up the faith of the Kaiser's people. Here is one that was widely circulated in German military circles:

After the battle of Tannenburg the Germans, who were routing the Russians over an open country, were suddenly astonished to eee an entire Russian brigade turn and rush against them. They cut down the Russians with machine guns and bayonets, but after the battle not a sign of a Russian officer could be found. Three hours later, in a town farther on, all the officers in the Russian brigade were found drinking in a cafe, where they had spent the entire day. They had "wound up" their brigade, much as a child winds up a toy wagon, started it off toward the German lines without a single officer in charge of it, and then began a day of drinking in the village tavern. Their luggage included many trunks which were filled with the laciest of lingerie, silk stockings and other articles of feminine wear.

"Why do you carry these?" asked an Germans, who were routing the Russians

"Why do you carry these?" asked an Austrian officer of his prisoners. "Oh, we wouldn't let our women come into the danger zone," answered a Rus-33,000 RUSSIAN OFFICERS LOST

BERLIN, Dec. 5,-Among the items of news given out by the German Official Press Bureau today is the following: "The Russian military newspaper, Russky Invalid, states that the number of Russian officers killed, wounded or newspaper. taken prisoners now totals 33,000,"

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